SRI D. DEVARAJ URS:—Let them produce evidence before the Court, if it is so.

SRI S. BANGARAPPA:—It is possible for the Police to investigate.

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS:—The Police have investigated and found it to be——not correct.

(ii) *re* :—Clearing the Forests in Kodakani and Tekkur villages, Sorab Taluk.

SRI S. BANGARAPPA.—I call the attention of the Hon. Minister for Forests to the attempt by Government to clear the forest at Kodakani and Takkur villages of Sorab taluk.

SRI C. N. PATIL (Minister for Forests).—I beg to state as follows :

The natural forest stand comprise of a large number of species of which only a few are of economic value. Hence, a proportion of the forest area is taken up for conversion into plantations of economic or industrial species in a phased manner It is also the clear felling of these plantation sites which provides, to a large extent, the requirement of timber and firewood.

A total extent of 458 hectares at *A*bsi, Kyasanur, Tekkur, Kodkani and Bilisiri forests was demarcated for sale as 22 coupe units during November 1974 in Sagar Forest Division. It was represented to me at this stage that the area involved was not Reserve Forest but revenue land and that there was suspected collusion of the Departmental Officials with Contractors. As the charges were serious, I issued orders to withhold the auction sale pending full enquiry.

Enquiry revealed that the coupes put up for auction were all in Reserve Forests. There was also no question

of any connivance as the sales were by auction-cum-tender with very keen competition amongst a large number of contractors. These coupes were also marked with the intention of meeting the requirement of Government run firewood depots at Shimoga, 5400 tonnes of firewood from the coupes being allotted for this purpose. I also got the entire question of inconvenience to the villagers in the vicinity thoroughly examined and was satisfied that this was not the case. There are several thousand acres of District forest and Reserve forest within half a mile to two miles of the currently marked coupes for the exercise of the privileges by the villagers. Incidentally, it was also revealed that the coupe areas included encroachments for cultivation, which would be got cleared if the coupes were worked and plantation raised. The fact that the encroachments had to be removed no doubt resulted in representations on their behalf but it is necessary that the encroachers are evicted. Orders lifting the stay were issued by me thereafter.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಬಂಗಾರಪ್ಪ :—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರೇ, ಈಗತಾನೆ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರತಕ್ಕ ಹೇಳಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ, Enquiry revealed that the coupes put up for auction were all in Reserve Forests' ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಕೊಡಕಣಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂಬರ್ 4 ಇದು ಡಿಸ್ಪ್ಯೂಟ್ ನಲ್ಲಿದೆ. ಈ ನಂಬರು ಮೊದಲು ರೆವಿನ್ಯೂ ಡಿಪಾರ್ಟ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ಗೆ ಸೇರಿರತಕ್ಕ ನಂಬರು. ದಾಖಲೆಯೂ ಇದೆ. ರೆವಿನ್ಯೂ ನಂಬರ್ ಇರತಕ್ಕ ನೂರಾರು ಎಕರೆ ಜಮೀನು ಫಾರೆಸ್ಟ್ ಇಲಾಖೆಗೆ ಯಾವಾಗ ಬಂತು? ಇದು ರಿಸರ್ವ್ ಫಾರೆಸ್ಟ್ ಹೇಗೆ ಆಯಿತು? ಎನ್ನುವುದು ಇನ್ನೂ ನಮಗೆ ಗೊತ್ತಾಗಲಿಲ್ಲ? ನಮಗೆ ತಿಳಿದಮಟ್ಟಿಗೆ ಇದು ರಿಸರ್ವ್ ಫಾರೆಸ್ಟ್ ಆಗಿಲ್ಲ. ರೆವಿನ್ಯೂ ರಿಕಾರ್ಡ್ಸ್ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಇದು ರೆವಿನ್ಯೂ ಡಿಪಾರ್ಟ್‌ಮೆಂಟಿಗೆ ಸೇರಿದ ಜಮೀನು. ಅದಕ್ಕೋಸ್ಕರ ಜನರು ಇದನ್ನು ಕಲ್ಟಿವೇಟ್ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇದು ರೆವಿನ್ಯೂ ಲ್ಯಾಂಡ್, ದಯಮಾಡಿ ಇದನ್ನು ಫಾರೆಸ್ಟ್ ಇಲಾಖೆಗೆ ಸೇರಿಸಿ ಕೊಳ್ಳದೆ ರೆವಿನ್ಯೂ ಲ್ಯಾಂಡ್ ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿದು ಅಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಬಡ ಜನತೆಗೆ ಸಹಾಯ ಮಾಡಿ ಎಂದು ನಾನು ಕೇಳಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಕೊಡಕಣಿ ಮತ್ತು ತೆಕ್ಕೂರು ಇವೆರಡರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ತಾವು ಯೋಚನೆ ಮಾಡಲೇಬೇಕು. We are very particular about Kodkani and Tekkur villages.

SRI C. N. PATIL :—Survey No. 4 is in reserve Forest.

SRI KAGODU THIMMAPA :—Mere notification will not make it as reserve Forest. ರಿಸರ್ವ್ ಫಾರೆಸ್ಟ್ ಮಾಡಬೇಕಾದರೆ, ಚಾಪ್ಟರ್ 2ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಇದನ್ನು ಮಾಡಬೇಕಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. 1935ನೇ ಇಸವಿಯಿಂದಲೂ ಇದನ್ನು ಕಂಪಾಯಕ್ಕೋನ್ಸ್‌ರ ರೆವಿನ್ಯೂ ಇಲಾಖೆಗೆ ಸೇರಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕೆಂದಿದ್ದರು,

ಶ್ರೀ ಸಿ. ಎನ್. ಪಾಟೀಲ್ :—ರೆವಿನ್ಯೂ ಇಲಾಖೆಗೆ ಸೇರಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿರಬೇಕು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕಾಗೋಡು ತಿಮ್ಮಪ್ಪ :—ಸೇರಿಸಿಲ್ಲ.

SRI C. N. PATIL :—Survey No. 4 —in Kodkani is also in reserve Forest as per the available information, subject to correction.

SRI KAGODU THIMMAPPA :—You will have to follow the entire procedure laid down under chapter 2 of the Forest Act. This has not been followed. ಇದರಲ್ಲಿ ಏನಾಗಿದೆಯೆಂದರೆ, A Settlement officer should be appointed and he should issue notification. Any of these has not been followed. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಇದು ರಿಸರ್ವ್ ಫಾರೆಸ್ಟ್ ಆಗಲಿಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾಧ್ಯವಿಲ್ಲ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ತಾವು ಇವರಡನ್ನೂ ಕೈಬಿಟ್ಟು ಮುಂದಿನ ಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕು. ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಇದಕ್ಕೆ ಸ್ಪೇ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆ, ಅವರಿಂದ ಎಕ್ಸ್‌ಪ್ಲನೇಷನ್ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದಕ್ಕಿಂತ ಮುಂಚೆ ಸ್ಪೇ ಅನ್ನು ವೇಕೇಟ್ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಆರ್. ಆರ್. ಇಂಡೆಕ್ಸ್ ಅನ್ನು ತರಿಸಿ ನೋಡ್ರಿ, ತಮಗೆ ಕನ್‌ವಿನ್ಸ್ ಆದರೆ ನಾವು ಹೇಳುವುದನ್ನು ಒಪ್ಪಿಕೊಳ್ಳಿ. ಕೊಡಕಣಿ ಮತ್ತು ತೆಕ್ಕೂರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಆಗತಕ್ಕ ಕಾಡಿನ ಕಡಿತವನ್ನು ತಾವು ನೆಲ್ಲಿನಬೇಕು. People are particular about Kodkani and Tekkur villages.

ಶ್ರೀ ಡಿ. ದೇವರಾಜ ಅರಸ್:—ಫಾರೆಸ್ಟನ್ನು ಕಡಿಯುವವರಾರು?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕಾಗೋಡು ತಿಮ್ಮಪ್ಪ;—ಫಾರೆಸ್ಟ್ ಡಿಪಾರ್ಟ್‌ಮೆಂಟಿನವರು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಸಿ. ಎನ್. ಪಾಟೀಲ್: ನೀವು ಹೇಳತಕ್ಕದ್ದು. ನಾವು ಹೇಳುತ್ತಿಲ್ಲ. ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಸ್ಟೇಟ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲೆ ಇದೆ. ನಾವು ಬಿಟ್ಟುಬಿಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೇವೆ.

SRI S. BANGARAPPA :—People will be put to untold hardship.

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS :—Let us understand. Is it your idea that this land should be given to the villagers or should be kept as it is? What is it?

SRI S. BANGARAPPA :—There are two things involved. Since about 20 years the entire area is brought under cultivation. Encroachment is there. There are thousand and odd acres. Some portion of land remaining is Forest land. The privileges of the Malnad ryots will completely go.

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS :—I have no objection to ask the department and the Minister concerned to examine the matter thoroughly. If you have no objection, you may pleaser present to the Government. That will be thoroughly looked into. Don't spoil a good case by bad argument Let us examine the whole thing

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SRI D. DEVARAJ URS :—I cannot take his statement straight away.

SRI KAGODU THIMMAPPA :—The Forest Department cannot straight away enter.

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS :—Then, you have to go the Court.

SRI KAGODU THIMMAPPA :—Then why did you frame the Forest Act? Can the Government violate the provisions of law?

SRI D DEVARAJ URS :—I have said I will get the whole thing examined.